

# Proposed By-Law Changes

## **By-Law Section: 2.3 DUTIES**

### **Current Language:**

B. All members have a duty to provide TPSS Co-op with their current address and phone number when joining, and to notify TPSS Co-op of any change of their address and/or phone number within 10 days of such a change. Any failure to notify TPSS Co-op of a change of address or phone number pursuant to this Article 2.3.B shall release TPSS Co-op from its duty to notify the member(s) of any regular or special meeting or any vote by the general membership to be conducted by ballot or otherwise.

### **Proposed Change 1**

B. ~~Upon joining~~ All members ~~must have a duty to~~ provide TPSS Co-op with their ~~current~~ address, ~~and~~ phone number and ~~e-mail address, and must keep them current, when joining, and to,~~ notifying TPSS Co-op of any changes ~~of their address phone number~~ within 10 days of such a change. Any failure to notify TPSS Co-op of a change ~~of address or phone number~~ pursuant to this Article 2.3.B shall release TPSS Co-op from its duty to notify the member(s) of any regular or special meeting or any vote by the general membership to be conducted by ballot or otherwise.

## **By-Law Section: 5.5 NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

### **Current Language:**

B. Electronic Transmission. The Board may establish policies and procedures which will allow members to submit a written request to receive notice from or submit requests to TPSS Co-op by electronic mail. If such policies and procedures are adopted, then, with respect to any member making an election to communicate with TPSS Co-op by electronic mail, all provisions in these Bylaws requiring notice or requests to be sent to or received from such a member in writing and/or by mail may be satisfied through electronic mail. It shall be the member's responsibility to ensure that TPSS Co-op has a current accurate electronic mail address for notice purposes.

### **Proposed Change 2**

B. Electronic Transmission. ~~The Board may establish policies and procedures which will allow members to submit a written request to receive notice from or submit requests to TPSS Co-op by electronic mail. If such policies and procedures are adopted, then, with respect to any member making an election to communicate with TPSS Co-op by electronic mail,~~ Electronic mail will be the default mode of communication to TPSS members. ~~All~~ provisions in these Bylaws requiring notice or requests to be sent to or received from such a member in writing and/or by mail may be satisfied through electronic mail. It shall be the member's responsibility to ensure that TPSS Co-op has a current accurate electronic mail address for notice purposes. ~~Members who wish to receive paper notices via postal service mail must notify TPSS Co-op of that preference.~~

## **By-Law Section: 5.7 VOTING PROCEDURES**

### **Current Language:**

A. Written Ballot

1. Decisions requiring written ballot are:

### **Proposed Change 3**

A. ~~Written~~ Ballots

1. Decisions requiring ~~written paper or electronic~~ ballot are:

### **Current Language:**

B. Decisions that do not require a written ballot may be made at a general Membership Meeting. The President or other officer presiding at the Membership meeting shall have the discretion to determine whether an issue raised at the Membership Meeting and not previously placed on the agenda shall first be considered by the Board for possible submission by written ballot.

Decisions will be made by consensus, with the option of suspending consensus with the approval of a simple majority of the members voting. If consensus is suspended, a three-fourths majority is needed for the issue being voted on to pass.

#### **Proposed Change 4**

B. Decisions that do not require a ~~written paper or electronic~~ ballot may be made at a general Membership Meeting. The President or other officer presiding at the Membership meeting shall have the discretion to determine whether an issue raised at the Membership Meeting and not previously placed on the agenda shall first be considered by the Board for possible submission by ~~written paper or electronic~~ ballot.

Decisions will be made by consensus, with the option of suspending consensus with the approval of a simple majority of the members voting. If consensus is suspended, a three-fourths majority is needed for the ~~proposal issue-being-voted-on~~ to pass.

#### **By-Law Section: 6.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

##### **Current Language:**

C. The nominating committee will solicit nominations of any members in good standing and present them to the membership. Additional nominations will be accepted from any member in good standing. Elections will be by written ballot.

#### **Proposed Change 5**

C. The nominating committee will solicit nominations of any members in good standing and present them to the membership. Additional nominations will be accepted from any member in good standing. Elections will be by ~~written paper or electronic~~ ballot.

#### **By-Law Section: 7.2 COMMITTEES**

##### **Current Language:**

1. AUDIT AND FINANCE: responsible for:

#### **Proposed Change 6**

1. ~~AUDIT AND~~ FINANCE ~~AND AUDIT~~: responsible for:

#### **By-Law Section: 10.1 AMENDMENTS**

##### **Current Language:**

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by petition of 10 percent of members (with such petition containing the signature and member number of each petitioning member) or by a two-third vote of the Corporation's Board of Representatives. Amending the bylaws and the articles of incorporation is a two-step process. The proposed amendment(s) must first be discussed at a general membership meeting described in Article 5 after the procedures for notifying members about amendments to the articles and/or bylaws described in Article 5.5 have been followed. After considering the members' comments at the meeting, the Board will finalize the proposed amendments and then a written ballot containing the proposed amendment(s) must be sent to all members. The proposed amendment(s) will become part of the bylaws and/or the articles of incorporation only if approved by two-thirds of those members casting ballots.

#### **Proposed Change 7**

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by petition of 10 percent of members (with such petition containing the signature and member number of each petitioning member) or by a two-third vote of the Corporation's Board of Representatives. Amending the bylaws and the articles of incorporation is a two-step process. The proposed amendment(s) must first be discussed at a general membership meeting described in Article 5 after the procedures for notifying members about amendments to the articles and/or bylaws described in Article 5.5 have been followed. After considering the members' comments at the meeting, the Board will finalize the proposed amendments and then a ~~written paper or electronic~~ ballot containing the proposed amendment(s) must be sent to all members. The proposed amendment(s) will

become part of the bylaws and/or the articles of incorporation only if approved by two-thirds of those members casting ballots.